

English 11B Vocabulary Exam Study Guide

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Hour _____

Exam Information

Your exam will have two parts: (1) vocabulary and (2) literature. This study guide is for the **vocabulary** part of your exam. The vocabulary exam will take place on **Friday, February 28, 2014**, during your normal English 11 class period. The literature exam will occur during Exam Week (date and time TBA). You will receive a separate study guide for your literature exam.

Together, your vocabulary and literature exams are worth 20% of your final grade in English 11B. If you have 12 or more absences, you must have a C+ or better EXAM AVERAGE in order to earn credit for this class, even if you already have a passing grade (this is school policy). Check with the Attendance Office if you have questions about your absences this trimester.

The words chosen for your vocabulary exam are the ones that you will most likely see again regularly in college, in literature, and in the news. 5 words were chosen from each list, for a total of 25 words. **The vocabulary exam will be worth 50 points.**

Part I. Definitions

Directions: Match each word from the word bank to its definition.

****On the exam, you will have to match some words to their definitions and some definitions to the words they match, similar to what you have been asked to do on vocabulary quizzes.****

Lesson 6:	imminent	peruse	affluence	amoral	elucidate
Lesson 7:	adroit	ferret	affectation	knell	rationalize
Lesson 8:	deride	quagmire	carcinogen	imperious	grotesque
Lesson 9:	machination	harbinger	finesse	raiment	hybrid
Lesson 10:	emanate	immutable	garish	defile	gratuitous

- _____ to look at or read (something) in an informal or relaxed way
- _____ to think about or describe something (such as bad behavior) in a way that explains it and makes it seem proper, more attractive, etc.
- _____ very strange or ugly in a way that is not normal or natural
- _____ clothing
- _____ to take away or ruin the purity, honor, or goodness of (something or someone important)
- _____ happening very soon
- _____ having or showing the proud and unpleasant attitude of someone who gives orders and expects other people to obey them
- _____ to talk or write about (someone or something) in a very critical or insulting way

9. _____ to come out from a source
10. _____ very clever or skillful
11. _____ unable to be changed
12. _____ to find (something, such as information) by careful searching
13. _____ too bright or colorful
14. _____ something that shows what is coming
15. _____ having a large amount of money and owning many expensive things
16. _____ a situation that is hard to deal with or get out of; a situation that is full of problems
17. _____ an unnatural form of behavior that is meant to impress others
18. _____ deceptive actions or methods that are used to get or achieve something
19. _____ having or showing no concern about whether behavior is morally right or wrong
20. _____ something that is formed by combining two or more things
21. _____ skill and cleverness that is shown in the way someone deals with a situation, problem, etc.
22. _____ to make (something that is hard to understand) clear or easy to understand
23. _____ a substance that can cause cancer
24. _____ a sound of a bell when it is rung slowly because someone has died
25. _____ not necessary or appropriate

Part II. Words in Context

Directions: Place each word from the word bank into the passage where it makes sense. Similar questions – but not necessarily these *same* questions – will be asked on the exam. Notice that some of the vocabulary words have had their parts of speech changed to fit the paragraph and/or sentence. You should be able to figure out where the words would fit best even if they are changed.

1. affluent machinations raiment knell affectation

The bells began to (a) _____ as the coffin was wheeled slowly out of the church and lifted into the hearse. A woman, dressed in (b) _____ that was entirely black, stood at the church doorway wiping tears away with a handkerchief. In reality, her grief was just an (c) _____; the deceased man had been extremely (d) _____ and she was about to inherit all of his money. Marrying the man had just been part of her (e) _____ to acquire wealth. She did not really love him and was glad he was gone.

2. defile imminent finesse harbingers perusing

Towering thunderclouds, (a) _____ of the oncoming storm, filled the sky with swirling darkness. A man seated on a park bench, who was (b) _____ the newspaper, heard the rumble of thunder and knew that the storm was (c) _____. So that the rain would not (d) _____ his reading material, he folded the paper and stuffed it into his briefcase. With (e) _____, he opened his umbrella, rose, and strode purposefully toward the subway station just as the first drops of rain began to fall.

3. hybrid perused emanate derided garish adroitly
 elucidate

Dr. Harwick (a) _____ the instrument panel of his latest invention. Sparks had shot up from the controls and the scent of smoke had begun to (b) _____ from the cockpit. The machine was painted in (c) _____ colors and looked like nothing Nicholas, the doctor's assistant, had ever seen before. He could only describe it as a (d) _____ of a car and a space shuttle. Some people who knew the doctor privately (e) _____ him and called him crazy, but Nicholas knew he was a genius. Right now, the doctor was (f) _____ making some final adjustments to the machine. Nicholas stepped closer. "Doctor, just *what* does this thing do? Can you (g) _____?"